

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2024

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Sennett, Trustees Evans and Richards, and DMO Posella*, DDMO Pagano

*Attended via Microsoft Teams

Excused: Trustees Lynn and Zapata

Minutes – The Village Board does not have a quorum to vote on the minutes of 4/11/2024.

Correspondence & Announcements – Mayor Sennett noted the following:

- Receipt of the Penflex Annual Report.
- Receipt of Skaneateles Education Program April Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County.
- Receipt of EnergySmart CNY survey invitation from Amanda Mazzone.
- Receipt of invitation to NYCOM’s free webinar, “Addressing New York’s Municipal Solid Waste Crisis.”
- Receipt of CenterState CEO’s 2024 Lobbying Directory.
- Receipt of final Seneca Meadows Landfill Valley Infill Project scoping document.
- Receipt of email from Amanda Mazzone introducing 2 new CNY Clean Energy Community Coordinators and announcing energy code training on 5/23.
- Receipt of Tree Power 2024 information.
- Receipt of NYCOM Briefing on the 2024-25 Adopted State Budget.
- The Skaneateles Arbor Day Celebration will be on May 6th. A tree planting will take place on the corner of Fennell and Jordan with Matt from Digg It.

Arbor Day Resolution

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees in our village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Sennett, Mayor of the Village of Skaneateles, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 6, 2024 as Arbor Day in the Village of Skaneateles, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2024.

New Business

Resolution of Tax Levy

Dated this 25th day of April, 2024. Resolution of Tax Levy –

Whereas the budget of the Village of Skaneateles for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2024, was duly completed and adopted on April 11, 2024, and that amount to be raised by general village tax has

been determined and will be extended and carried out upon the roll by the Village Clerk, as provided by law, and

Whereas, certain special or local assessments heretofore levied against certain property remaining unpaid will also be extended and carried out upon the roll by said clerk, pursuant to subdivision #5 of Section #5-508 of the Village Law, as amended,

Whereas, unpaid water, sewer and electric bills become a lien on the real property on April 15th, **Resolution #2024-106:** Now therefore, on the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0) that the taxes upon the present assessment roll be and hereby are levied against the respective properties herein described, and in the manner therein provided, according to the law, and it is further resolved that a duly executed warrant be annexed to each duplicate copy of said tax assessment roll and that the Village Clerk deliver one such copy to the Treasurer of the Village on or before the 15th day of May, 2024, for collection pursuant to Section #1426 of the Real Property Tax Law. It is further resolved that the Clerk is ordered to include with these minutes to be approved at the Regular Meeting of the Village Board on the 9th day of May, the list of unpaid utility accounts as of April 15, 2024, being levied with taxes.

Consider scheduling a public hearing May 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm regarding draft local law #2 of 2024 – Bed and Breakfast amendments.

Resolution #2024-107: On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to schedule a public hearing May 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm regarding draft local law #2 of 2024 – Bed and Breakfast amendments.

Consider paying half of the 1st year cost for the Deckard software, \$1,750, as proposed by the Town from account A1680.2 (New software/hardware).

Mayor Sennett said this software will allow us to identify properties that may be used for long- or short-term rentals.

Resolution #2024-108: On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to pay half of the 1st year cost for the Deckard software, \$1,750, as proposed by the Town from account A1680.2 (New software/hardware).

Appoint Dennis Dundon as Clerk to the Boards.

Resolution #2024-109: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to appoint Dennis Dundon as Clerk to the Boards.

Consider budget transfers as recommended by the Treasurer.

Resolution #2024-110: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to approve the budget transfers as recommended by the Treasurer.

Consider approving the 2024 MCA with the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Resolution #2024-111: On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to approve the 2024 MCA with the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Consider approval of Change Order No. 2 – Blower Electrical Upgrades for the WWTP Ammonia and TRC Removal Upgrades Project in the amount of \$1,609.84.

DDMO Pagano said that a motor upsize was required for proper functioning. The manufacturer decided as part of the design to change to a 25 hp motor after the bid so the manufacturer will not be charging for the change. This cost is for the electrical contract.

Resolution #2024-112: On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to approve Change Order No. 2 – Blower Electrical Upgrades for the WWTP Ammonia and TRC Removal Upgrades Project in the amount of \$1,609.84.

Authorize DMO Posella to sign the proposal from Van Bortel Ford for a Ford F250 XL Crew Cab truck for \$59,238.47 to be paid out of the 2024-2025 budget.

Upon request, DMO Posella spoke about the F250, and the F450 that follows in the minutes. Trustee Evans also said that these are planned, budgeted expenses. He also added that the F450 is more serviceable because it's gas instead of diesel, and less expensive.

Resolution #2024-113: On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to authorize DMO Posella to sign the proposal from Van Bortel Ford for a Ford F250 XL Crew Cab truck for \$59,238.47 to be paid out of the 2024-2025 budget.

Authorize DMO Posella to sign the proposal from Van Bortel Ford for a Ford F450 XL Regular Cab truck for \$70,427 to be paid out of the 2024-2025 budget.

Resolution #2024-114: On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to authorize DMO Posella to sign the proposal from Van Bortel Ford for a Ford F450 XL Regular Cab truck for \$70,427 to be paid out of the 2024-2025 budget.

Consider approving a proposal from Total Care EAP to offer an employee assistance program to Village staff for a cost of \$18.61 per year.

Resolution #2024-115: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to approve a proposal from Total Care EAP to offer an employee assistance program to Village staff for a cost of \$18.61 per employee per year.

Public Comment – Mayor Sennett asked for public comment.

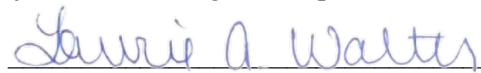
Trustee Evans mentioned the accident today and that fortunately nobody lost their life. It was great to have our linemen all on board and active. Mayor Sennett added that the power came on much sooner than originally expected. Trustee Evans also noted he was pleased that those driving through town took turns and treated the intersections as prescribed by law. Mayor Sennett also noted that our new Vonage phone system functioned the way it should. DMO Posella noted that the phones started immediately after the generator started generating power again. It takes time for everything to come up again, and for us to figure out what is going on and share quality information about the event.

Trustee Evans asked for an update on the seawall project. DDMO Posella said the project is on schedule. They are waiting for the light poles and the fountain, which should be delivered next week and Tuesday respectively.

Approval of Bills – Resolution #2024-116: On the motion of Mayor Sennett seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to pay the bills with an exception, we are holding the Global Rental bill in the electric vouchers.

General Fund	Checks #27804-27842	\$112,918.87
Sewer Fund	Checks #7252-7257	\$ 5,553.26
Electric Fund	Checks #8565-8569, 8591-8595	\$138,310.92
Water Fund	Checks #5426-5438	\$ 2,300.01

Adjournment – Resolution #2024-117: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.


Laurie A. Walter, Village Administrator/Clerk